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The Pastor Speaks

Bless the Lord, O My Soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Psalm 103:1-2.

Isn't it wonderful when we can pause to think of all the benefits our Lord shares with us day by day. So often when September comes upon us we begin to think vacation time is all over and now back to the old routines and all the excitement of being outdoors in the summer to fade into the background.

October then comes upon us and we behold all the benefits of the Lord daily. Let us pause to thank God for His goodness to us in the past year and to rejoice in seeing His guidance for the new church year that is upon us in our denominations.

In just about two weeks my family and I have been in this community one year to minister to the people of the two churches that called me to minister to them and the community. This year has brought many blessings to our family as well as trials and temptations, but we are indeed grateful for each one of you and it is with love today, we as a family can say that you the community and the two churches we serve, have been wonderful. We have found you to be a people of love, compassion and sincerity. Your life has become our life; your joys, trials and sufferings have become our joys, trials and sufferings. We feel that our joys, likewise, have been your joys. But, most of all, we say that we have grown so much closer to the Lord during our experiences among you. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

In many of the churches there is a great fellowship and I praise God for it. Then some of the churches there is no fellowship at all. They need our prayers, that the Lord through the Holy Spirit will bring them into His fellowship. Sometimes, we get in our heads that the church cannot get along without us. God doesn't need you or I to do His work. It will be done without you or I. It was done before we arrived and it will be done after you and I are gone. God's work will move ahead by realizing that some of our needs at this time are:

First: there is the need for a greater prayer life among our church families. I earnestly believe that a church foundation is only as strong as its prayer warriors. There is a real need for more prayer together, as well as in our personal lives.

Second: there is a need for more outreach visitation. Always, there is a need for reaching out with the gospel. There has been the day when many people would of their own accord visit the services of a church, but more and more now we must go out after them. The growth of our church fellowship is dependent upon each one of us being involved in our outreach for Christ, sharing that which Christ has done for us. Our visitation in our churches, on what-ever day of the week it may be is a small portion of what the total outreach should be from each one of us as we go about our daily tasks.

Third: we need to continue our program of training in our churches, and churches that do not have such a program need to take a long look at the life of the church and ask themselves this question; is our church growing in wisdom, knowledge and love of Christ, and understanding of God's word and teaching others.

Fourth: we need more dedication on the part of each officer, leader and member in Christ's work. This will mean more faithfulness in discharging our daily responsibilities for Christ. This will mean greater service for Christ as we share together in working for the glory of His Kingdom and that He would be **First In Our Lives.**

Fifth: we need a greater concern in our obedience to God's command to use our tithes and offerings for His glory and His benefit. In the months and years it will be necessary to begin thinking very strongly about some needs of the physical plans of our churches, whether we remodel or whether we build it will require the utmost dedication on the part of each one of us. This means that each one of us must be engaged in our dedication with Christ to give of our **Tithes and our Offerings** for His glory as we plan not only for today but for the future.

My conclusion is that God wants to pour out His blessings upon us richly if we will just humble ourselves before Him, I look forward to greater blessings upon each of us as we labor together in our churches and communities.

Prayerfully,
Your pastor for the month
Rev. Daniel W. Mesner

Open Letter To County Residents:

Dear Friends;

Thank you for taking time to read this **Open Letter** to the **Residents of Appomattox and the surrounding area.**

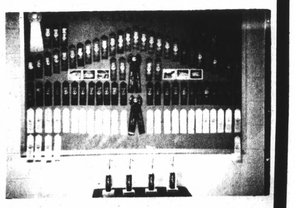
Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Rev. R. Darrel Bray, recently appointed minister of the Appomattox Pentecostal Holiness Church located at 210 Church Street, Appomattox, Virginia 24522. For 29 years God has blessed my ministry in several pastorates throughout the Eastern Virginia Conference including 6½ years in Suffolk, Virginia and 11 years in Hopewell, Virginia. It has also been my privilege to serve the Lord and my Conference in a number of official capacities during this time. These include: Youth Director, Camp Director, Conference Sunday School Treasurer, District Director of Evangelism, Conference News Editor and Chaplain of Falcon Children's Home, Falcon, N.C. A highlight of my many years of minstry has been serving as Youth and Drug Counselor. God has enabled us to strengthen a number of small churches and make them to become full-time pastorates.

I believe God has led me to Appomattox and to a small but wonderful congregation of dedicated Christians. Though we are small **we shall try harder and go and glow and grow for God.** It is not my policy to compete with my fellow ministers or to proselyte. As a Servant of God and a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ I am here to reach the unchurched and help them to find Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord and to feed the Flock of God.

We are indeed excited! Our church is a Miracle in the Making. For the past three months we have been busy at 210 Church Street repairing, painting and beautifying the church sanctuary. This coming Sunday, Sept. 30th. we shall climax this effort by observing our annual Homecoming Day Services. This great day begins with a special service during the Sunday School hour at 10:00 a.m. and includes 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, dinner on the grounds and a Gospel Singspiration at 2:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and witness this Miracle in the Making.

Yours in Christ,
R. D. Bray, Minister



FFA Members Do Well At Fair

Members of the Appomattox Senior FFA did well at this year's Five County Fair as shown by the many ribbons and trophies won by chapter members. A total of over 100 ribbons and 5 trophies plus over $600 in prize money was awarded to the approximately 250 exhibits placed in the fair by chapter members. Congratulations to these members for another fine year at

The Bible And Daily Living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

A NEW WORLD COMING!
Lesson for September 30, 1979
Scripture References: Daniel 7-8; Revelation 4
Focal Passages: Daniel 7:15-18; Revelation 4:1-6a

But the saints of the Most High God shall receive the gift of the Kingdom, and possess the Kingdom for ever and ever. (Daniel 7:18)

Words For The Future

No one of us can go very far along life's path without some occasional encouraging words. Such words are like cool waters to parched lips. We each long to receive gentle strokings that we are **OK** and that we are loved. A person that is constantly put down will begin to believe they are not worthy for anything good. A dog that is always mistreated will soon begin to wear his tail between his leg!

The words we read in the books of Daniel and the Revelation are words for a hopeless generation. The words were initially addressed to Jews living in Babylonian exile, assuring them that God would one day bring them out of captivity to live in the sunshine of freedom once again.

Too often we tend to get bogged down with trying to interpret the symbolic language of Daniel, rather than seeing it as God's assuring work of final victory for his people. The good news for all of God's children is that the future will bring a victory over the present troubles. The Book of Daniel is, therefore, very futuristic in scope. And there is more good news! The Kingdom of God will last forever and forever.

Such words may sound very pious to those who are hungry and without adequate shelter. Such words may sound like "impossible dreams" to those who live in slums and breath the polluted air within the urban cities. How do the poor hear such words? How do the emotionally disturbed hear such words? How do those who live behind bars hear such words? How do the well-to-do hear them? The church is always faced with the challenge to "flesh out the Gospel" with actions which demonstrate the words. Arguing over the interpretation of symbols while people live in hell on earth amounts to shooting a cap pistol off in a war!

Words To The Church

The Revelation is addressed to the church in particular. Even the church needs words of encouragement from time to time. Attempts to be the church in modern society are often met with resistence and outright hostility. Our age is not an easy age in which to proclaim the good news. In fact, our age is a very complicated one. The church faces some of the most hazardous times in all of its history.

The Revelation of John is in its rightful place in the Bible, for John's vision of the future represents God's final say so. This book contains so many symbols and images that many people are inclined to skip over its message. We must remember, however, that John wrote during times of extreme persecution upon the church. The Roman political machine was bearing down hard on the Christains. John quite naturally wrote in a style that would deceive the Romans. They would hardly know that by his use of the term "beast" he was referring to Rome!

The message in the Revelation is one of hope and redemption. There is no question that the "Lamb" is none other than the Christ. Jesus is the "Great Liberator" for those in captivity. He is a source of freedom from all that enslaves us and keeps us from living in freedom. He delivers us from wayward ways and opens up to us new doors of living.

The World To Come

What is the new world that the Bible speaks of? What will it be like? Is there really such a place? I used to answer that question by saying that no one had ever returned from the "other side" to give us a report. But latest medical findings are begining to open up new considerations on life after death. Faith tells us that beyond this life God will somehow preserve our souls, our psyschies, our personalities.

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va.

First Baptist

Regular preaching service was held Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Music was rendered by the senior choir. At the close of the service the Lord supper was served. Rev. Johnson delivered a wonderful message. It was enjoyed by all. Two new members were united to the church.

The Senior Choir Anniversary will be held this fifth Sunday evening at 3:00 p.m. All choirs are invited to come and share with us.

On October 14th at 3:00 p.m. there will be a talent program for the benefit of the Building Fund.

We are glad to know Mrs. Hamlet is improving nicely. Hope she will be home soon. Our prayers goes out for all the sick and shut in. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

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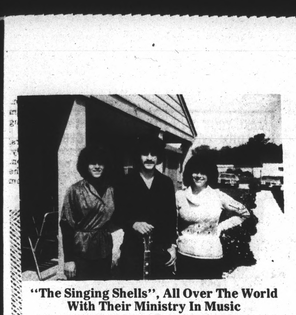

"The Singing Shells", All Over The World With Their Ministry In Music

Calling themselves "The Singing Shells", Judy Sheltrown, 19, left, Donald Sheltrown, 19, center, and Leanne Sheltrown, 22, right have been witnessing through music for the past eleven years. They appeared on Wednesday of last week at Babcock Manor, a home for the elderly, where residents were entertained with song after song by the talented trio.

The young people, from a family of ten children, were reared in an atmosphere of inspirational music.

"The Singing Shells" began their touring with their parents when the Rev. and Mrs. Sheltrown went from place to place as the Rev. Sheltrown conducted evangelistic services. The young people always presented a program of music. When the Rev. Sheltrown decided to accept the pastorate of a church in Michigan, the three young people didn't want to give up their ministry in music, so they struck out on their own. Residents of Mobile, Alabama, they have been on their own for the past nine months.

"We felt that the Lord wanted us, as born-again Christians, to keep on with our witnessing in music, so we took to the road," said Leanne as she spoke of their experiences.

During the past eleven years, the young people have visited Africa, England, Canada, Mexico and 43 states. They will be appearing in the Appomattox-Buckingham area in the middle of October.

Children's Art Contest Will Be A Highlight of Railroad Festival

A new attraction this year in the Seventh Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival will be a children's art contest. The contest is planned to involve as many students in the county schools as possible. The contest is being sponsored by American Federal Savings and Loan Association and coordinated by the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Board. The concept for an art contest during Railroad Festival was originated by the Arts Department and Education Department of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club.

There will be four divisions for judging; grades K - 2, 3 - 5, 6 - 8, and 9 - 12. Prizes will be awarded winning entries in each division with the winning entries displayed during Festival Weekend.

1 - Students may use any theme.

1 - Students may use any medium on paper or canvas not to exceed 2' x 3', such as; finger paint, crayon, pen and ink, oils, collage, water colors, etc. or a combination.

3 - Art entries may not have been judged previously and must have been completed since November 1978.

4 - Each entry must have a 3" x 5" card attached to the back including name, grade, school, homeroom teacher, and phone number.

5 - Entries will be judged on originality, composition, use of color, and neatness.

6 - Deadline for entries is October 5, 1979. They may be turned into the school offices or to Bonnie Hernecall 352-2164 or Becky Lawson 352-8354.

Judging will take place prior to Festival Weekend and winners will be announced during ceremonies on Sunday.

BECKHAM

Thursday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard and Miss Eunice Martin were Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Tyree, Mrs. Robert Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin. Visiting in the afternoon were Mr. Thomas Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Abner Martin.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin during the week were Mrs. H. C. Moore, Mrs. Tom Schmitz, Edward Schmitz, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin, Rev. James Becker, Miss Debbie Moore, Gwen Moore, Mr. Charles Tweedy, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin and Mr. Russell Martin. Visiting in this home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin, A. C., Michael, Mrs. Geraldine Moore, Mrs. Connie Reynolds, Miss Kathy Martin, Miss Tammy Martin, Mr. Alvin Bell and Mr. Jessie Campbell.

Miss Robin Philips spent the weekend with Miss Gwen Moore.

Many relatives and friends enjoyed an ice cream party at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Martin Jr. Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Martin were Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard and Donald Lee Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Moore and girls and Mrs. H. C. Moore were Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmitz and family.

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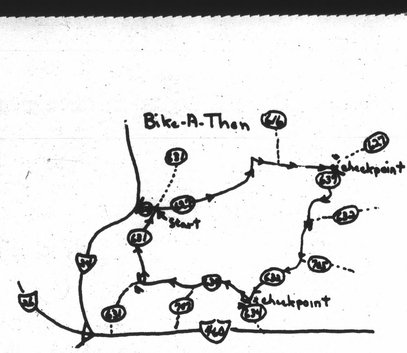

Route For Appomattox ACS Bike-A-Thon

Above is a map showing the route to be followed on Sunday, October 7th, when local riders will take part in the annual Bike-A-Thon for the Appomattox County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

The route is approximately ten miles long and the riders will "take-off" at 2 p.m. at the junction of Route 627 and Route 631. Two check-points will be set up along the way where cards can be stamped and riders will receive cold drinks and refreshments.

All safety factors have been taken into consideration - a police escort from the Appomattox County Sheriff's Department will lead the riders and the Appomattox County Rescue Squad will have a vehicle traveling with the cyclists along with members of the squad at the check-points. The Bike-A-Thon route will be marked and signs leading into the area will warn motorists of the ride in progress.

It is the firm desire of the Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society to make this another safe and sane ride - not a race.

Jordan News

On Sunday, Sept. 30, at 3:00 p.m. the Holiness Singers will be in concert at the Jordan Baptist Church. This will be the close of the Building Fund Rally.

On Sat., Oct. 6, there will be a Lawn Party at the home of Mrs. Edna Lambert. This will start at 3:00 p.m. This is for the benefit of the NAACP Queen Rally.

On Sat., Oct. 13, there will be a special singing program at the Jordan Baptist Church.

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1979 DATSUN
2005 X - Red/Black Vinyl Interior - 5 Speed - AM/FM Stereo Radio - Air Conditioned - Rear Window Defogger - Sport Stripes - Console W/Arm Rest -

1978 PONTIAC
GRAND PRIX - Green - White Vinyl Top - Green Vinyl Interior - Cruise Control - 301 V-8 AM/FM Radio - Rally Wheels

1978 CHEVROLET
IMPALA - 4 Door - Camel Met. Buckskin Vinyl Top - Camel Vinyl Interior - Tilt Steering - Cruise Control - AM/FM Radio - Air Conditioned

1978 CHEVROLET
Camaro - Black - Black Vinyl Interior - 305 V-8 4-Speed - Rear Spoiler - Aluminum Wheels-AM/FM Stereo Cassett

1978 CHEVROLET
IMPALA - 2 Dr. - White - Blue Vinyl Top - Blue Vinyl Interior - AM/FM Stereo W/Tape - Air Conditioned - Cruise Control - New Tires

1978 CHEVROLET
CAPRICE ESTATE STATION WAGON - Green - Green Vinyl Interior - Power Windows - Power Door Locks - Tilt Steering -Cruise Control - AM/FM Stereo - Luggage Rack - 350 V-8 4BBL - Air Conditioned - Power Tailgate Window

1977 FORD
Thunderbird - White - White Vinyl Top - White Vinyl 50/50 Power Seat-Cruise Control - Power Windows - Power Door Locks - AM/FM Stereo - W/Tape - Wire Wheel Covers - Dual Remote Mirrors

1977 CHEVROLET
Monte Carlo Landau - Silver - Black Vinyl Top - Power Windows - Power Door Locks - Cruise Control - Tilt Wheel - AM/FM Stereo W/Tape - Air Conditioned - 350 V-8.

1976 CHEVROLET
Monte Carlo Landau - Green - Buckskin Top - Buckskin Vinyl Bucket Seats - Rally Wheels - Cruise Control - AM/FM Stereo W/Tape - Air Conditioned

— TRUCKS —

1979 JEEP
Wagoneer - Green - Beige Cloth Bucket Seats - Woodgrain Luggage Rack - Air Conditioned - AM/FM Stereo W/Tape - Tilt Steering - Cruise Control - Aluminum Wheels

1979 CHEVROLET
Blazer - Silver - Black Hardtop - Blue Custom Vinyl Interior - AM/FM Stereo Radio - Cruise Control - Air Conditioned - 350 - V-8 - Automatic - Rally Wheels

1977 CHEVROLET
Fleetside - 8 Ft. Body - Green - White Top - 350 V-8 - Step Bumper - 700 x 15 6 ply tires - Power Steering - Automatic - AM Radio - Uses Regular Gas

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